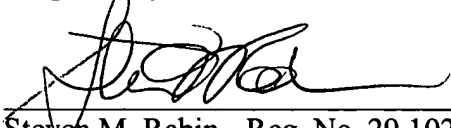


REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 5-6 are cancelled. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee. Examination of the amended application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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